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REMARKS

Pending Claims:

Claims 1-47 are currently pending in the present application. Independent claims 1, 21, 38 and 47 are currently amended. Reconsideration of claims 1-9, 11-13, 16-31, 34-36, 38-45, and 47 is respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview:

The Applicant and the Applicant's Attorney thank Examiner Lie and Examiner Vo for their time interviewing this case on March 27, 2006. During the interview we discussed the pending claims and U.S. Patent 6,296,742 to Kouznetsov. During a subsequent interview with Examiner Lie on April 20, 2006, we discussed the pending claims and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0092596 A1 also to Kouznetsov. Independent claims 1, 21, 38 and 47 have been amended to further distinguish these references.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration of claims 1-47 is respectfully requested in light of above arguments.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any proper fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 501211.

If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

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